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Re: **Inventor(s): Cord WOHLTMANN**
Title: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS OR COUNTERACTING
THE LACK OF BALANCE OF PARTS IN A CUTOFF
FOR CIGARETTES AND THE LIKE

Sir:

Please find attached hereto a non-provisional patent application, which includes:

- ☒ Specification, Claims, Abstract.
- ☒ Four (4) sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-4).
- ☒ **Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 from German Patent**
Application No. 199 61 254.4 filed 18 December 1999, certified copy is enclosed.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO 1449 and references cited.
- ☒ Assignment with Cover Sheet.

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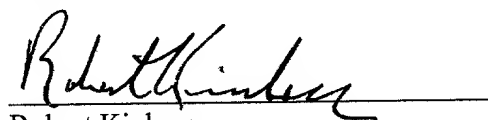
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